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Summer Music Nights

Friday night concerts continue in Van Buren Park

Ashley Dobos
Staff Writer

Looking for a source of local entertainment for the summer? Van Buren Park is the place to go to enjoy a night under the stars.

Adults and children can enjoy both concerts and movies on Friday nights in July and August.

The Van Buren playground will be open for youngsters along with some craft programs. "I'm trying to get more families out there," said Jennifer Wright, deputy director of Parks and Recreation for Van Buren

Township.

This week, Little Davy and the Diplomats will perform. They play a variety of music including jazz, swing, oldies and country. Next Friday, July 18, the Belleville Community Band will take the stage. *Happy Feet* will be shown on Friday, July 25. On Friday, Aug. 1 Mr. Largebeat, who plays space rock dance music will perform.

The Sun Messengers, who play R&B and big band music, will perform Aug. 8. And back by popular demand on Aug. 15 will be the Back Beats tribute to the Beatles. *High School Musical 2*

will be shown on the big screen Aug. 22.

Concession items will be available for purchase, including popcorn, chips, hot dogs, pop, candy rings, and water. Glowworks products will be sold.

"If I concentrate on making it more of a family event, we hope to get more participants," said Wright.

The Summer Music Nights will take place at Van Buren Park (South I-94 Service Drive) from 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays. The shows are free, but there is a \$3 per car park entry fee. Even season pass holders will be

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required to pay the parking fee.

In case of rain, concerts will be moved to Belleville High School Auditorium at 555 W. Columbia. Movie rainouts will be moved to the Community Center at 46425 Tyler

Road. Call (734) 699-8921 for more information.

Contestants sought for Miss Wayne County

Entrants are currently sought for the upcoming 2008 Miss Wayne County scholarship program.

The event, which is a Miss America preliminary, is open to any woman between the ages of 17 and

24 who lives, works full time, or attends school full time in Wayne County and who has never been married or had children. The competition will feature challenges in aspects including interview,

lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit, evening gown, talent, and onstage question. To be eligible to compete, however, would-be participants must register by the Aug. 11 deadline.

The Miss Wayne County program will take place on Sept. 6 at Churchill High School in Livonia. In addition to the title, the woman who earns the title of Miss Wayne County will earn a cash scholarship. She will also represent the region at the 2009 Miss Michigan program in Muskegon at which the 2007 Miss Wayne County, Ashlee Baracy of Westland, recently took top honors and became the new Miss Michigan.

For more information or to download an application, individuals should visit www.miss-wayneco.com. If additional information is needed, individuals may also call (734) 367-0560 or email SheilaMae116@aol.com.



'Checking' in

Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz, right, mailed property tax checks to municipalities earlier this year, recognizing that they are facing some of the toughest economic times ever, according to officials. The checks reflect their respective portions of uncollected property tax revenue from 2007 through the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (DTRF). The fund enables local taxing units that levy property taxes in the county (such as cities, villages, townships and school districts) to receive all of their property tax revenues in the fiscal year for which those taxes are levied, instead of having to wait until such property taxes are actually paid, which could be months or even years later, according to officials. The DTRF is funded with proceeds of tax anticipation notes sold annually. Nick Armelagos, director of business for the Van Buren Public School District, accepts the check for the district.

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The annual health examination for women is sponsored by a grant from The Center for Disease Control.



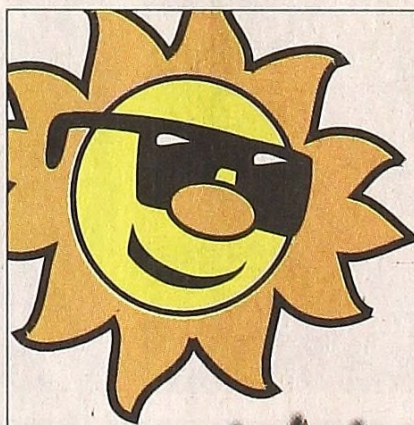
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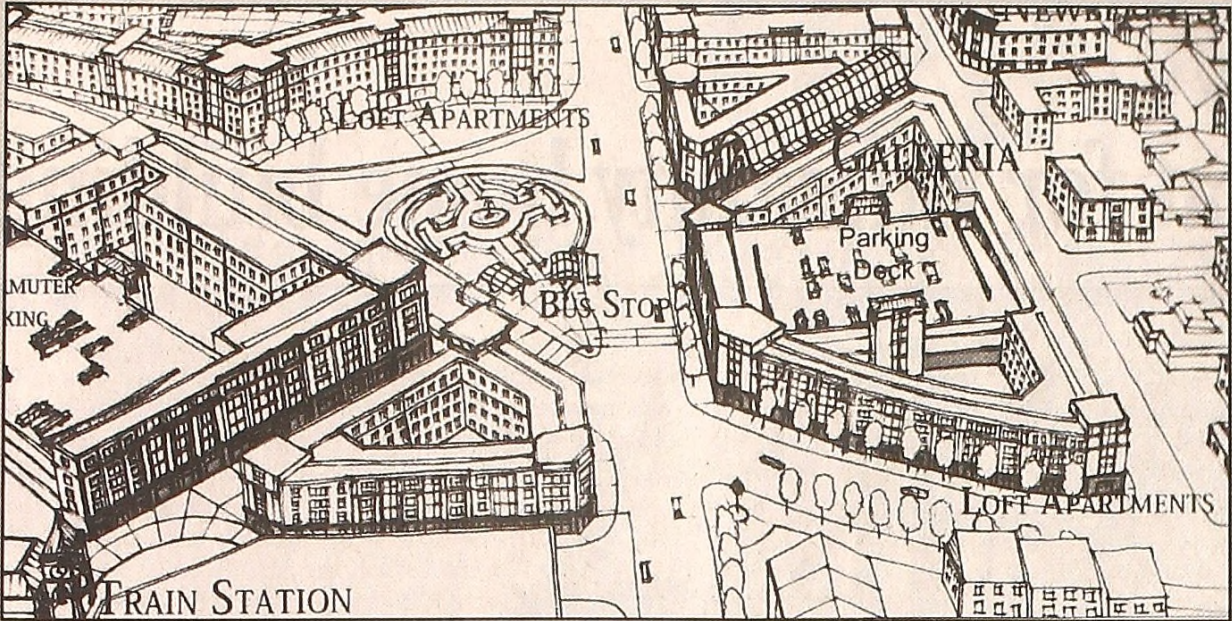
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A sketch from the Andrews University study shows how a train station would help spark development in downtown Wayne.

Officials near decision on rail stop

Scott Spielman
Editor

A proposed Ann Arbor to Detroit regional rail project is on track for completion in October of 2010.

Officials in western Wayne County, however, may know the location of the final to-be-determined train station long before that—possibly within the next month, according to Carmine Palombo, director of transportation programs for the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

“There has been a lot of positive movement, but it’s all been behind the scenes,” he said.

SEMCOG has looked into the feasibility of a commuter rail between the two major cities for more than a year now. The concept would be to rely on existing infrastructure as much as possible as a system was developed to shuttle people between Detroit, Ann Arbor and Metro Airport.

Officials from several communities have made a pitch to have a train station located in their borders, including the cities of Wayne, Westland and Inkster.

Stations are already planned for Ypsilanti, a Detroit Metro Airport stop, at the Henry Ford and in Dearborn. A final stop will also be a part of the plan to take people from the rail along Michigan Avenue to Metro Airport.

“We’ve completed our analysis of that and we’ll be discussing it within the next several weeks,” said Palombo. “The plan for that station has always been to get people to and from the airport.”

The city of Wayne has lobbied for that stop, proposing to use city-owned land near Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road in conjunction with the parking deck. A development plan created by students from Andrews University for the city several years ago suggested the city could build on a transit-oriented economy, as well.

“We think it’d be a good fit for Wayne,” said Peter McInerney, community development director.

SEMCOG has a loose outline for the plan that shows a potential grand opening on Oct. 25, 2010. According to that timeline, the final train station location will be decided by the end of July. A planning consultant would be hired in August-September of this year and cost estimates would be more fully investigated. The project would be designed in the fall, with construction under way next year.

Wayne City Manager John Zech said the city would have to acquire more property to feasibly host a train station, but there were ways to make it work. He envisioned an elevated walkway that would take people from the parking deck to the station without subjecting them to the traffic along Michigan Avenue.

“It would be a big deal for us,” he said. “We hope they decide to locate it here.”

Belleville City Council supports downtown plan

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Belleville officials have approved the ‘resolution to support the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The resolution was approved by a 4-1 vote Monday night during the city council meeting. Councilmember Brian Blackburn cast the lone dissenting vote.

“Why do we need this?” he said. “I support the DDA and our businesses, but why do we need this.”

Councilmember George Chedraue, who drafted the resolution, said there’s been a perception that the city council and the development authority are ‘at odds’ with each other, “so this is to show the groups are all one and they need to work together,” he said.

“The city council, for the City of Belleville, supports and adopts recommendations the development authority has made and wishes that all citizens and business people would join together to have this project—the Main Street project—completed in a timely and cost conscious manner,” according to the resolution.

After numerous consultations with all parties—city council, DDA, businesses and professional personnel—a decision was made to have several alternative plans prepared for the enhancement of the downtown district, including

replacement of the water main, Main Street paving and the streetscape. The businesses are important for the survival of the city and the enhancement of the downtown district is of utmost priority for the survival of the city, as stated in the resolution.

The project is an important issue facing the businesses and their survival during this difficult time, Chedraue said.

“We understand there can be economic hard times, we know that, that’s what that line means,” he said.

The DDA members recently approved their own resolution—to invest in downtown—as part of the Main Street Project. The project will take place over two years, starting in July 2009, with the final date still to be negotiated between business owners and the development group. The plans are all dependent on the outcome of the referendum ballot in the August election. If approved, the bond process can start for the project.

“The DDA has put the information out and I want the citizens to vote,” said Mayor Pro Tem Rick Dawson. “What you do is up to you, but if this doesn’t pass, there’s a good chance we have to live with what we got.

“We need to get it done and taken care of,” he added. “It’s not going to increase taxes, we do have money coming in the future for this project and I support it.”

Van Buren School District makes cost-saving ‘move’

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Van Buren Public School District has moved the administration offices to Rawsonville Elementary School in an effort to reduce costs.

According to officials, moving the central business administration offices to Washtenaw County will effect a savings of more than \$200,000 on health insurance premiums for the school district for the 2008-2009 school year.

“The schools insurance uses a zone system to identify rates for insurance,” said Paul Henning, spokesperson for the district. “The zones are generally done by counties and since we’re on the border of Wayne and Washtenaw counties, Superintendent Pete Lazaroff was able to keep a close eye on the rates offered each year.”

Henning said over the past four year, Wayne County rates have been cheaper than Washtenaw County, however this up-coming year, Washtenaw will be cheaper, therefore the central offices were moved to take advantage of the lower rate.

“Now, that’s \$200,000 we don’t have to take out of the general fund,” said Henning. “That will be there for the up-coming school year.”

Offices moved last week

include: Superintendent of Schools Pete Lazaroff and secretary Kathy Kovach; Linda Olson, director of instruction and personnel, a secretary and curriculum officials; Nick Armelagos, director of finance and operations, and secretary; and Pam Smart, business office administrator in charge of payroll and general ledger accounts.

Officials also determined that using the music room at Rawsonville school for the administration offices would be the least disruptive to the students and staff.

“Discussions with Principal Sue Farber took place and while it’s unfortunate that it will displace a teacher from the music room, it will be a high level of savings for the district,” said Henning. “Students will continue to have music, but the music teacher is now on a cart.”

This is the last year for the MESSA insurance zone system so the rates will have to be re-evaluated in another 12 months, officials said.

The new administration address is: Van Buren Public Schools Administrative Offices, 3110 Grove Road, Ypsilanti, MI, 48198. The new phone number is (734) 697-6381, the fax number is (734) 482-3306. All email addresses will remain the same.

For more information, contact Henning at (734) 697-9123.

Cruise

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Nicholson said he’s had a similar response from police agencies up and down the cruising strip. In the City of Inkster, where the event coincides with the summer jazz festival, police officers will already be out in force.

“They’re going to have a strong presence, but they’re not going to be hard-nosed police officers during

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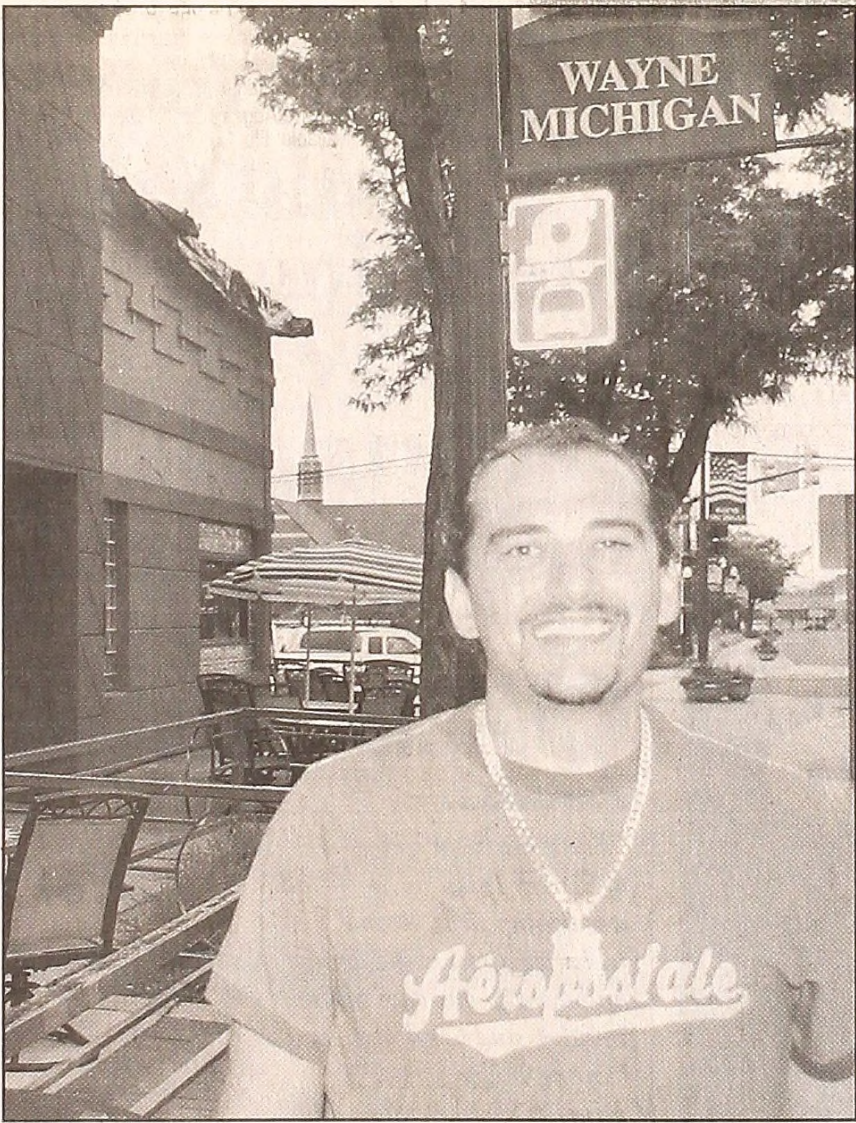
Scott Gocaj

the event,” said Nicholson.

He came up with the idea for the cruise last year as a way to bring additional traffic to businesses within the area. Many are planning special events or sales throughout the day, too. In addition to the concerts taking place at the Inkster festival, the U.S. 12 Bar and Grill—sporting a new look thanks to recent renovations—will host an outdoor concert featuring the Six Foot Poles.

“We’re really banking on this,” said Scott Gocaj, co-owner of the bar and restaurant. “We think it’ll be a good thing for the community and I hope it’s successful.”

Vendors will line the street and car dealerships—such as Jack



Scott Gocaj, co-owner of U-S 12 Bar and Grill, said he hopes the Michigan Cruise will bring plenty of business to the community.

Demmer—will put on special car shows, too. The former Eliose facility will feature historic Model Ts.

“There is going to be a lot going on,” Nicholson said.

Williams said the increased police presence is simply to ensure everyone’s safety and not to limit the fun.

“I think it’s going to be good for

the community,” he said of the event. “Hopefully, it’ll be just like what everyone is expecting it to be—a nice peaceful event. That’s how we’re trying to keep it.”

Nicholson agreed.

“I want the event to be safe and successful so we can bring it back next year,” he said. “I want everyone to have a good time.”

Pension

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tee to watch out for the employees,” she said.

The difficulty becomes increased because employees are taxed on the funds they take out in loans, too.

The change would make it harder for them to misspend the funds or threaten their golden years.

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Carol Mayerich

said. “It not so they can borrow the money to buy a boat.”

Crout said that employees deserved to have access to the funds, though, because they are required to pay them back.

They don’t need Big Brother watching over them,” he said. “It’s not the governments’ job to tell these people they can’t borrow their own money.”

The amendments were approved by a 4-2 vote.

“This is designed to help our employees, not hurt them,” said Burcroff. “We’re trying to help people prepare for their retirement.”

Shooting

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day,” Laurain said.

Bryant was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor where he was pronounced dead.

Investigators did not reveal the names of the two 19-year-olds who were taken into custody 10 hours after the shooting for questioning. They did say, though, they were present at the pool that evening.

Revenge appears to be the motive, Laurain said, which stemmed over a fight at the pool

where the suspect and friends had been assaulted earlier that day. Police said it’s unclear at this point if Bryant was even present at the fight or if he was a ‘victim of circumstance’ and not the intended target.

No one has been charged, yet and the investigation is ongoing. It will be submitted upon completion to the Wayne County prosecutor’s office for charges, officials said.

Individuals with information about Bryant’s death are urged to contact the Van Buren Township Police Department at (734) 699-8930.

Good neighbors

Volunteers aid in Habitat for Humanity home building

Ashley Dobos
Staff Writer

About a dozen people showed up on Dunning Street in Inkster on June 20 to help out some new neighbors.

They were there for a Habitat for Humanity project that brought two new homes to the community. State Reps. Robert Constan and Gino Polidori were on site to lend a hand. Eight employees of Northwest Airlines—the sponsor of the Habitat project—were also on sight, hammers, nails and screwdrivers in hand.

“It’s particularly nice in Inkster because [Habitat] builds new homes and moves in new families,” said Constan.

He said the development of communities in Inkster was important. He said he would also like to see a program to help senior citizens with home improvements or new houses.

“[Habitat for Humanity] is a good program,” said Constan. “I want to keep the housing stock in Inkster the best it can be.”

Rita Jackson, a Northwest employee, was a first time volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

“I’ve been wanting to do it for years,” said Jackson. “I enjoy helping people.”

The four-bedroom, brick front house will be the future home of Nathan LaLone and his family. According to Jackson, people are chosen to receive Habitat homes based on the size of the family and need.

“I feel excellent about the house,” said LaLone. “A lot of love went into this.”

The house will be complete in August, although the date is not set in stone because of the ever-changing weather. When the house is finished, LaLone will move in with his wife and five children, one of whom is handicapped.

“I’d like to give a huge thank you to all of the volunteers that came out and donated their time,” said LaLone.

To qualify for the home, LaLone and his family must put in 250 hours of work with Habitat for Humanity - 100 of those must be on his own house. He has also participated in the Inkster cleanup, a fundraiser at Mongolian Barbecue, and Comcast Cares Day.

“I thank God and Habitat for giving us the opportunity to have a nice stable place for my family to grow up,” said LaLone.

Some Inkster neighbors, such as William Howard, an Inkster resident of 40 years, came to help work on the house. Many of the volunteers are retirees, about a half dozen of them veterans of Ford Motor Co.

“People from all walks of life want to help out,” said Doug Blake, a Ford retiree. “What I like about volunteering is there’s something for everyone. It’s neat to see the progress.”

Gwyn Dugliss, who organized the volunteers from Northwest Airlines, said this was her second time working with Habitat for Humanity.



Nathan LaLone proudly stands in front of his house being constructed by Habitat for Humanity. LaLone must work for at least 100 hours on his home in order to receive it from Habitat.

*I've been wanting
to do it for years.
I enjoy helping people.*

Rita Jackson

“Northwest employees have been fabulous, working hard, side-by-side with the homeowner,” said Dugliss.

State Reps. Richard LeBlanc and Tupac Hunter are expected to be working on the home this week.

“I’ll have my hard hat on and my work gloves on and hopefully I’ll be used to my physical limits,” said LeBlanc.

This will be LeBlanc’s first “journey” with Habitat and he said that although he doesn’t know what to expect, he’s looking forward to it.

“If you fix one property, I have high hopes it will stimulate neighbors and other adjacent homes to fix theirs up as well,” said LeBlanc. “I’m pleased to be invited.”

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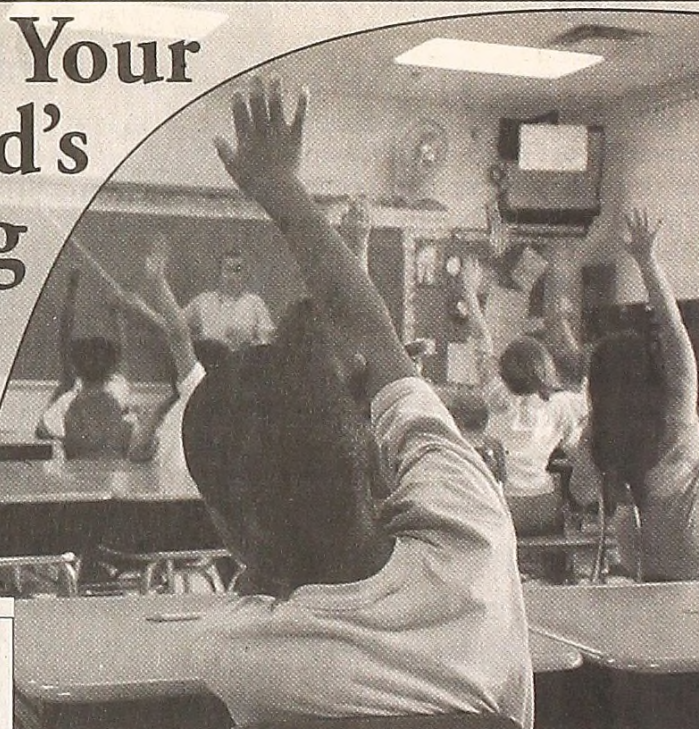
A former teacher at Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton Township is facing at least 7 years in prison for allegedly having criminal sexual conduct with a minor.

Stephanie Ann Stein, 31 of Canton, was charged with two counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct Third Degree, each a 15-year felony; one count of Using the Internet to Communicate with a Minor to Commit a Crime, a 4-year felony; and 1 count of Distributing Obscene Material of a Sexual Nature to a Minor, a 2-year felony. The charges

stemmed from a relationship with a 15-year-old boy that developed during the 2006-07 school year and intensified that summer, after Stein resigned from her position, according to township police.

Stein was found guilty of the crime last week and sentenced today in Wayne County Circuit Court. She was sentenced to 3-15 years for the Criminal Sexual Conduct charge; 30-40 months for Using computer to distribute obscene material to a minor; and 16-24 months on a second similar computer charge.

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Our choices for Wayne County Commission are...

Among the most crowded electoral fields is western Wayne County is the race for the County Commissioner representing the 12th district. Ten candidates have filed to replace Ronale Bowman, who was appointed a few months ago to finish out the term of long-serving Kay Beard.

This is a challenging race and an interesting one, too, because the majority of the candidates are well-suited to fill the post. The Aug. 5 primary will weed out all but two of the candidates who will square off for the seat in November.

Out of all the Democratic challengers, we like **Hilliard Hampton** the best. On the Republican side, we urge voters to choose **David James** over Tom Thompson.

Bowman has done an admirable job filling in for Beard, in

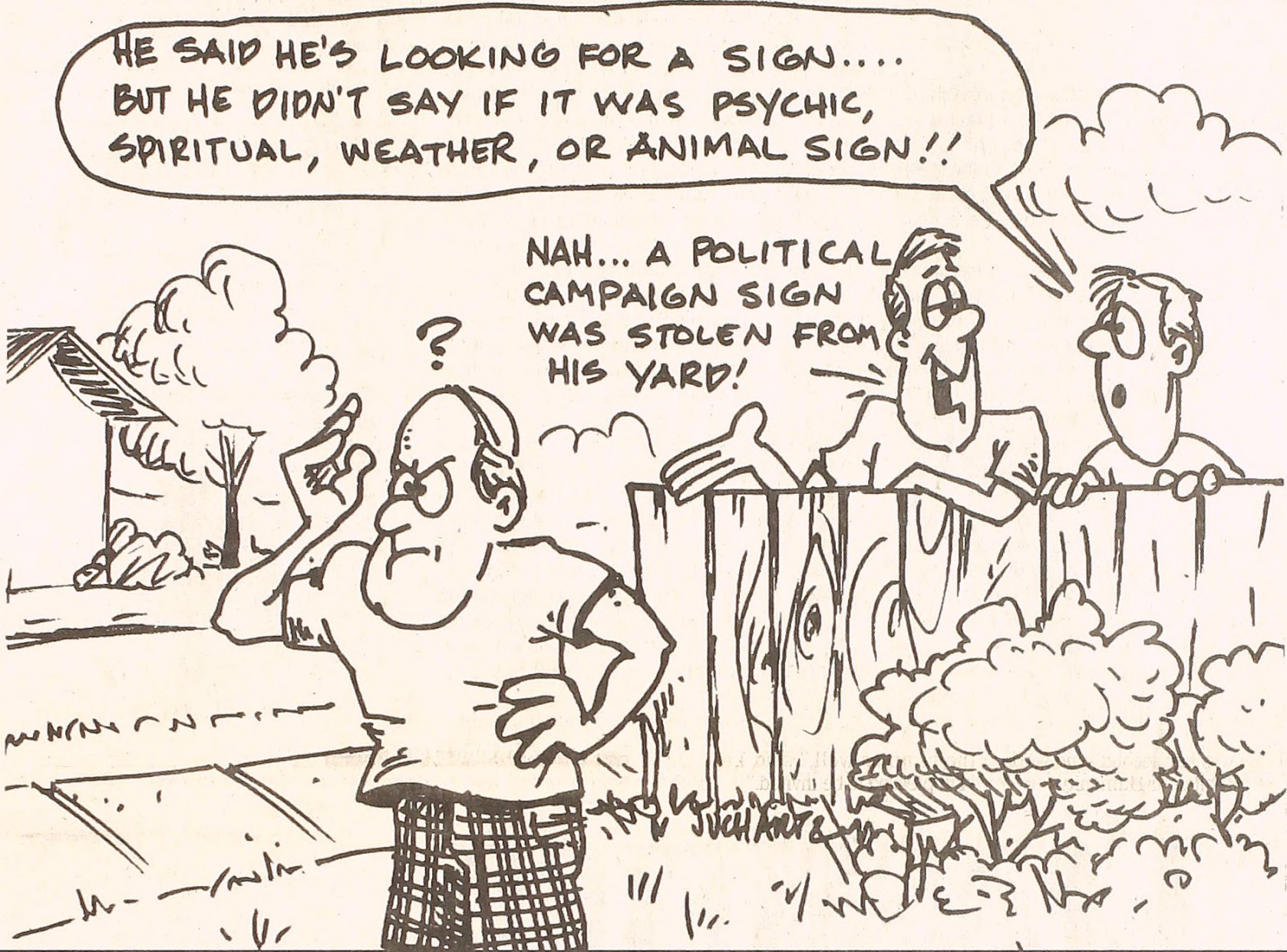
part because she served as her assistant prior to taking on the appointed role. The field of Democrats also features Joan Gebhardt, who has plenty of political experience as well. Jim Godbout, the council president in Westland and Wanda Harris-Foster, an Inkster mayoral candidate round out the heavy hitters on that side of the aisle.

We think Hampton, however, has earned the right to move on. He's proven himself a capable leader in Inkster. The city has made great strides recently under his direction as mayor of that city. He's got plenty of experience at the county level and is well-acquainted with who to talk to and how to get things done. Hampton would do a good job representing the city of Inkster in a larger role, and we think he'd do the resi-

dents of the district proud.

James has come a long way since he was recalled from the Westland City Council eight years ago. He's stayed informed behind the scenes and deserves the nod over his Republican challenger. We're a little concerned about his wish to preserve union jobs just for the sake of it, but that's probably no more of a political statement than Thompson's desire to cut commission salaries by 10 percent. James seems to have more enthusiasm for the role, too, promising to make it his commitment to get in, work hard and get things done.

The next several years will be crucial to residents and officials alike in Wayne County. Hilliard Hampton or David James is best suited to meet these challenges.



Choice for new judge difficult

Voters in Plymouth, Canton and Northville face several interesting choices when they go to the polls on Aug. 5.

Chief among them, perhaps, is the decision on who will replace Judge John MacDonald at the 35th District Court. MacDonald cannot run again due to age restrictions.

Six candidates have filed for the seat, all local attorneys obviously, with plenty of experience. And let's face it, with a long-time incumbent like Judge Ron Lowe and the experience Judge Mike Gerou as mentors, any of these candidates is able to do the job.

The question then becomes, who do you want to do the job?

We looked at a variety of things when we interviewed all six candidates. It was just what they said in answer to our questions, but how they said it. We tried to get a good feel for who would add the best balance to the court.

We think voters should select **Martha Snow** or **Cam Miller** to make it through the August primary.

Snow clearly has the resume with her work with the office of the attorney general. We liked her ideas about using technology to streamline the court, make it a little 'greener,' and make it as efficient as possible with regards to the time of everyone involved—plaintiffs, defendants, attorneys and police officers. We also like the different perspective she would bring to the bench. We think she's well suited for the role.

Miller is a quintessential hometown guy with a long list of community service and a history of getting things done. As a prosecutor, he probably has more experience in the court than any of the candidates and that will help him, but we like him as much for his commitment to the community. We also like his emphasis on providing local solutions to local problems as opposed to rubber-stamping cases to collect the fees.

Protecting our children – from what?

For those who don't know, we are currently driving under another onerous, ill-conceived law imposed on us by our Legislature.

It went into effect on July 1, and it stipulates that children less than 50 inches tall or younger than 8 years old are required to be in a booster seat when they're in a motor vehicle.

With all the problems we're facing here in Michigan, this is one of the things they come up with.

It's no wonder people get fed up with politics, because this is a complete waste of time and I don't see how it can even be enforced.

My son Henry is 7, but he's a big kid, probably about 51 or 52 inches tall. He has friends his age that are 3 or 4 inches shorter than he is. You put them in a back seat, side by side, and one of them is going to look pretty silly.

The problem here is with the 'probably.'

Assuming a police officer makes a traffic stop on some other issue and then cares to enforce this law, how will he or she go about it? Will

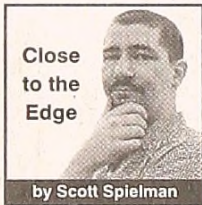
they need to carry measuring tape along with their pepper spray, tasers and sidearms? Or will it be incumbent on the drivers to keep a ruler or birth certificate on hand?

The thing that bothers me most about this is that it is another form of government intrusion forced upon us under the guise of safety. If people complain about it, they'll be looked at as bad parents who don't care about the safety and well-being of their children. That's ridiculous. They'll point to statistics that make such a law seem like

common sense and make us all wonder how we ever managed to make it to adulthood with so many unseen menaces threatening us along the way.

It sounds like another enforcement-related fundraiser that the average person cannot afford, too.

If the government wants to come up with a way to increase revenue in the state, they should do so without hassling the people that elected them to office in the first place.



Close to the Edge
by Scott Spielman

Unwelcome house guests pose pungent problems

I've been sitting on this one for awhile.

What I mean is I could have written this column right after the incident actually happened, but since it's a new year and a new lease—for my apartment that is—I thought there's no better time than now.

Every so often, I receive a resident satisfaction survey in the mail from my landlord. Now typically, I would grab the thing and just throw it away, but this time, no, this time I decided to keep it around.

I've lived in my apartment in Northville for just about a year. In fact, for about 10 years I've lived in apartments.

My first one was in college, more of a duplex really, because my two roommates and I had the bottom half of the house, while two, sometimes three other guys (better known as the drifters), had the top half. It wasn't the best, but it was close to campus, cheap and once again, a college apartment.

Two years later, my sister and I decided to upgrade to another apartment. It was bigger, better and yes, more expensive, but we were

done with school and done with that last place. About three years later, it was time to move again and this time we decided on Northville. Our thinking was, yes, it would be more expensive again—actually we got a great deal at the time—but it would also be close to work, our family and overall in a nice community. Turns out we were right, we enjoyed the place and the complex and stayed there for about three years.

OK, I'm sure you're thinking by now, who the heck cares about all the apartments you've lived in? My point is out of all the places I've lived in over the years and all the problems that come along with apartment living, I've never had to live with rodents, until this past year.

Now, I could come right out and name the complex, but instead I'd rather just share my story (in the toned down version of course) and tell what happened. Besides, they know who they are and I have a feeling I'm not the only resident to experience these types of incidents.

If you've gotten past the shock

value (or maybe you're not shocked at all) at this point, which I have, I can say that the rodents were mice who have since moved out.

Turns out after we've (my roommate and I) been dealing with these mice for a year it was discovered that the contractor never dry-walled behind the dishwasher, which turned out to be the burrow grounds for the mice. Of course, it took a great deal of time dealing with the maintenance crew, discovering pungent smells of dead rodents that appeared to be coming from under my stairs, to eventually discovering mice feces underneath my dishwasher and then, the final breaking point, finding the dead mice in my hallway and bathroom.

I know, I know, it sounds silly to want to live there another year after all I've been through with that place, but to be honest, I like it there. I like our private entry apartment, that's sort of hidden at the end of the complex. It's quiet, cozy and equipped with a washer and dryer, which I love, love, love. (If you lived in apartments without one for 10 years, you would under-



King's Court
by Andrea King

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exhausted to move again this year.

However, I think now's the opportune time to fill out that resident satisfaction survey: Please rate the following in your community with outstanding as the highest and poor as the lowest: *quality of your apartment*—now, average; *quality of other residents*—average (because I hate when our neighbors downstairs keep me up with their music, it's not the dorms); *overall value of the community*—very good; *recreational facilities*—average (because management has yet to fix the broken TV in the fitness room, which has only been like that for about a year); *resident services*—average; *resident events*—average? (I don't attend any of them).

Staff, please rate the staff based on professionalism, competence, responsiveness, attitude and friendliness: 'Professionally', the staff should have been more 'competent' and 'responsive' when it came to resolving the rodent problem. We did get a renewed lease for the same rate, but we did not receive any compensation for the yearlong troubles. The rodents were not a part of our lease. Staff's 'attitude' did change when we presented management with the concern and they sure became more 'friendly' after the health scare of the residents (mice) who shared our apartment with us.

Community cleanliness/appearance: I'm going to say an overall of average.

Please answer yes or no, would you recommend this community to a friend?: Do you want me to answer this pre-mice or post???

If you could improve one thing about living at this community, what would it be? Simple, I don't want to live with mice ever again. If I did, I would have added them to my lease.

Style origin revealed

To the editor;

I'm not sure where you can print this, but hopefully you will want to find a place.

Every time I see a young man, especially one in his thirties with a child (he is presumably a role model for), I want to tell him about the origins of droopy pants. Sometimes I do.

Being a lawyer, I heard this years ago. When a man went to prison, if he wanted to signal to the population that he was ready to be someone's partner, he would wear his pants drooping. I think people should know what they are saying when they choose their clothing. Then, if they still want to, it's up to them.

Thank you for getting this out somewhere where it can be read.

Noreen Constantine,
Canton Township

Yes vote supported

To the editor;

We support the Main Street improvements including repaving Main Street, replacing the water main, and adding streetscape design and amenities to enhance downtown. The proposed bond referendum should be approved by the Belleville voters for several reasons:

The Past: Our roadway and water main are aged and failing. Many people avoid Main Street and our downtown because of the bad road condition. Since we are replacing the roadway, the engineers have access to replace the water main. We wouldn't want to tear up a new road to replace the water main in a few years. It is time to replace them both and begin to move our city and downtown forward.

The Present: Despite economic downturns, we can improve Main Street now, rebuilding our infrastructure and beautifying the street. Using current captured taxes, the city and DDA can build this important improvement now and retire the bond debt at no new cost to residents and businesses.

The Future: The Main Street improvements are an investment in our future. As our state rebuilds, and the economy turns around,

Letters

Belleville will already be in position for our downtown to prosper.

Please join us, businesses and residents, in supporting the Main Street bond referendum. Vote yes on Main Street on Aug. 5.

Shawna Austin,
Belleville

Annexation effort criticized

To the editor,

Has Michigan become so economically and ethically bankrupt that the residents of Livonia might actually take their mayor's lead and vote in favor of the annexation of the Northville Township property?

I guess we'll find out Aug. 5. I find it incredible to believe that the good people of Livonia would use the misfortune of their neighbor, Northville Township, as an opportunity to line their own pockets. This may be a case of be careful what you wish for.

The Northville Psychiatric Hospital property was owned by the State of Michigan. As state property, Northville was not given one thin dime of tax support from this 400-acre parcel. The state left it a mess (don't forget – we the people are the state); filled with toxic and hazardous waste, empty rotting buildings and dangerous tunnels. Northville Township has had the burden of policing this property for years, with no remuneration; they have had their approved planning and zoning ordinances defied, and now are facing the very real threat of having these 400 acres removed from their jurisdiction and the sovereignty of their municipality overthrown by this archaic annexation law, and have no vote to protect themselves.

Does anyone have a carton of tea available? Let's not forget about the \$100 million lawsuit they are facing as well. Does Livonia want a developer that when denied variances from the planning and zoning laws of Northville seeks to punish them by forcibly removing the property from their jurisdiction and imposes a \$100 million lawsuit against the people that were elected and appointed to uphold the ordinances and laws of their community?

What if he disagrees with Livonia planning and zoning laws – what then? Do you reckon

that Northville will come to Livonia's aid? That they will stand with Livonia as they fight for legislation to protect their rights?

Surely, Michigan is in deep economic trouble – no one will argue that. And Livonia suffered their own cannibalization of tax base with the loss of Quicken Loans to Detroit - you know, or will know, how it feels to lose a big chunk of your tax base to another community. Imagine if Quicken Loans took 400 acres with them to Detroit! It would seem to me that the good people of Livonia wouldn't want to visit that same epitaph on their neighbor. It would seem to me that neighbors should stand steadfast together and support each other, rather than be opportunists and lift themselves up by standing on someone else's shoulders.

August 5 is the vote. Look to your conscience and vote how you would want your neighbor Northville to vote if the shoe were on the other foot. The vote of the good people of Livonia will tell a lot about whether Michigan has become so bankrupt economically and ethically that they will look their neighbor in the eye and profit from their misfortune.

Melissa McLaughlin,
Canton Township

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HOLLIS, George, Sr., age 83, of Tecumseh, died June 30, 2008 at home.

He was born January 4, 1925, in Detroit, MI, the son of Stephen and Mary (Angel) Hollis. He was married to Althea Swayze and she preceded him in death on January 12, 2008.

George was owner of Hollis Chevrolet, Romulus, MI in 1958, and continued selling cars his entire life.

George is survived by three sons, George Jr. (Karen) of Glendale, AZ, Gerald (Norma) of Hamburg, MI, and Gary (Kathy) of Brooklyn, MI, 10 grandchildren; and 9 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Althea; and grandson Tony.

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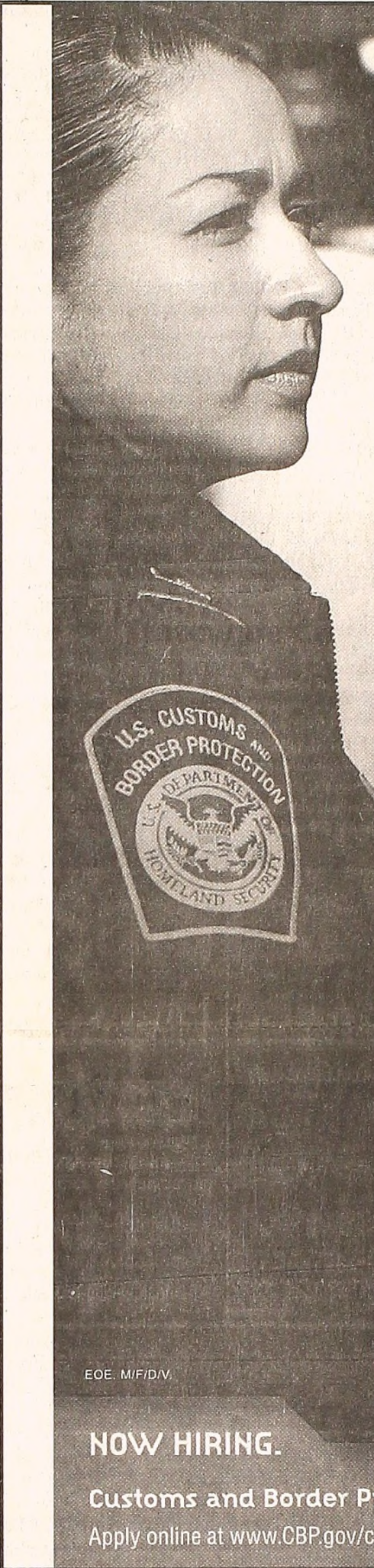
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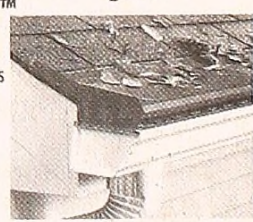
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New school group to meet

A student attendance deviation committee will start in September in the Van Buren Public School District. The committee will include Superintendent of Schools Pete Lazaroff; Bob Binert, school board trustee; Martha Toth, school board trustee; Linda Lewis; Peggy Voight; Karen Mida; Rhonda Manning and Shonda Grandberry.

The first meeting will take place from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. on Sept. 17 and include an

introduction to identify materials needed to review and the review of the current policy. The next meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Oct. 7 to review material and discuss options and recommendations, then from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. on Nov. 18 a continued discussion of options and recommendations will take place. The finalized recommendation meeting will take place from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. on Dec. 2.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 1, 2008

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Clair, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Parks and Recreation Director Ross, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-four (24).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to open the public hearing to hear public comment on establishing a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the purpose of assessing the cost of the annual maintenance and operation of DTE supplied and operated street lights in the Homestead Subdivision Phases III, IV and V. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated the homeowner's association of Homestead Subdivision Phases III, IV and V is requesting the Township establish a Special Assessment District for the purpose of installing and maintaining street lights through the DTE Energy Company program. The Homestead subdivision is located north off Ecorse Road. The Board has a packet of information including a resolution to establish a Special Assessment District; a written request from the Homeowner's Association; contract, plans, lamp/fixture specifications, and costs as prepared by DTE; a list of benefited lots of the assessment district; map of assessment; aerial of assessment district; and notice of public hearing. Director Kelley stated the purpose of this public hearing is to receive comments and questions regarding setting up the geographic boundaries for the Special Assessment District (SAD). If the district is approved a second public hearing will be held for spreading of the assessment roll. The Township uses the special assessment process to provide a method to collect payment for street lighting via the property tax bill. The initial annual cost of \$8,951.39 is to be spread among the 170 single-family residential homes in Phases III, IV and V with an annual cost of \$52.65 per lot per year, noting the cost is subject to change. The DTE contract is different than previously used contracts having more detail. The total construction cost of the DTE project is \$53,953.25 with an annual lamp charge of \$8,951.39. DTE credits the first three years of electrical usage against the capital cost in an amount of \$26,854.18 and a contribution in the amount of \$27,098.07. The SAD does not address the capital improvement cost. The SAD is just for the annual cost. Supervisor King stated there will be thirty-one colonial style lamp fixtures.

Board members had the following questions and comments. Trustee Jahr noted this petition is by the Homeowner's Association rather than the developer and if other Homeowner's Associations would like information regarding street lighting can they contact Director Kelley. Director Kelley stated yes it is usually the developer making the SAD request to the township; and yes if other Homeowner's Associations have street lighting requests DTE requires the request come from the township and they can contact Director Kelley's office. Trustee Rochowiak inquired who set up where the street light lamps are to be placed. Director Kelley stated DTE lays out the street light lamp locations meeting the national standard in this case at the property line of every third lot.

Audience members had the following questions and comments. The Homestead Subdivision Homeowner's Association President had the following questions. He requested a copy of the proposed layout map of the street light locations; Phases I and II street lights were covered by the developer and there was not any information in the development documents that covered phases III, IV and V as far the developer's responsibilities for street lighting so the Homeowner's Association took it upon themselves to make the request; he also inquired how the DTE maintenance program work. Clerk Payne gave the street light location map to him; Director Kelley suggested he call DTE to report the street light out denoting the lamp number on the street light pole, the subdivision and street name. A resident inquired if the developer had turned over phases III, IV and V to the Homeowner's Association and why the homeowner's association was asking rather than the developer. Director Kelley stated he has not been notified that the subdivision had been turned over, noting the township does not get involved in the sales agreements between the developer, builder and home buyer and the language for the street lightings was struck in phases III, IV and V. The township does not have jurisdiction over sales contracts. A resident stated street lighting is a requirement of the development. Director Kelley stated the Zoning Ordinance requires street lights in developments, the township does not have the jurisdiction to say who pays for the street lights and the responsibility can be transferred.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Jahr moved, Clair seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of June 2, 2008 as presented. Carried.

Clair moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2008 as presented. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of June 16, 2008 as presented. Carried.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to approve the Closed Session Minutes of June 16, 2008 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor King acknowledged two new police officers Michael Gratz and Jeffrey Stanton.

On Monday, June 23rd Red Cross held a Blood Drive at Van Buren Township Hall 32 donors presented to give blood with 29 whole units of bloods were collected.

Supervisor King reminded the audience Detroit Water and Sewerage Department is constructing a 42 inch water main along Tyler Road between Beck and Hannan Roads and is to be completed by January 2009. If you have questions call Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, Field Engineering at 313.833.8443.

Camp 9-1-1 2008 an interactive 2-day camps for 8 to 12 year olds to learn about safety and injury prevention, first aid and emergency medical services careers will be held Michigan Boathouse at Van Buren Park on Thursday, July 10th and Friday, July 11th. Registration is limited call 734.971.4385 for more information.

Music in the Park at Victory Park in the City of Belleville have commenced the next concert is the Belleville Community Chorus along with the Belleville Brass on Sunday, July 6th at 3:00 p.m.

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Thursday, July 22nd, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:
1) to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
2) Homestead exemption status; and
3) Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 18, 2008

Joannie Payne, CMC
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: June 26, 2008
Publish: July 10, 2008
July 17, 2008

Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, August 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Henry Ford Community college located at 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. For more information contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at 734.326.3936.

A communication from Cathy Horste, Van Buren Township Historian announcing a second "Purple Gang" show will be held on July 8th proceeds benefit the Belleville Museum. This program is sponsored by the Belleville Historical Society the show will be held at the Johnny's Grill. For more information call 734.697.3662.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Payne moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2008-20 to establish a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the purpose of assessing the cost of the annual maintenance and operation of DTE supplied and operated street lights in the Homestead Subdivision Phases III, IV and V. Carried.

Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the permit applications by AT&T to install telecommunications infrastructure for PN 6213422 1034-08-2895 beginning in the westerly portion of the Haggerty Road public right of way near 16620 and 16650 Haggerty Road, across Haggerty Road to a new 51 inch cabinet, then southeasterly along Haggerty Road for a distance of approximately 102 feet; PN 6213364 1034-08-2587 beginning in the westerly portion of the Haggerty Road public right of way from a point on the north side of Savage Road approximately 467 feet south to a new 51 inch cabinet, then continuing south another 189 feet; PN 6354228 1034-08-2804 in the westerly portion of the Haggerty Road public right of way from the intersection of Haggerty and Coolidge Road southerly to a point near there yard of 9881 Fairbanks; PN 6213562 1034-08-2576 in the westerly portion of the Martinsville Road public right of way from a point near 17155 Martinsville Road, southerly approximately 250 feet across Bemis Road into Sumpter Township; and PN 6213544 1034-08-2604 in the easterly portion of the Sumpter Road public right of way from a point near the intersection of Sumpter and Bemis Roads in a private AT&T easement then southerly approximately 35 feet to the center line of the Bemis Road public right of way and then into Sumpter Township. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to adopt Resolution 2008-21 Resolution Adopting the Juvenile Cases in District Court Program. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Clair seconded to approve the July 1, 2008 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the April and May 2008 Budgetary Reports received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: On Friday, July 4th the Administrative Offices at Township Hall will be closed in observance of the Independence Holiday.

Clerk Payne announced Absentee Ballots for the August 5th Primary Election are available in the Clerk's Office and for those who have requested an Absentee Ballots the ballots will be mailed next week. The last day to register for the August 5th Primary election is Monday, July 7th.

Director Champagne announced an Open House for the public to tour Fire Station One on Saturday, July 19th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fire Station One is located at the on Hull and Sumpter Roads.

Director Ross announced the family concert series at Van Buren Park will begin on Friday, July 11th Little Davey and the Diplomats will perform from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For further information on events contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

The "Takin' it to the Streets" program was held last Friday at the softball diamond behind township hall with 431 participants. In addition, the fireworks were held last Saturday night.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Two residents inquired about appropriate posting of campaign signs and township vehicles usage. Supervisor King stated no township vehicles were used for posting campaign signs and Director Kelley stated he will have an ordinance officer check on locations of campaign signs.

A resident of Quirk Subdivision commented on the Wal-Mart expansion noting the comments were also made at the Planning Commission meeting held June 25th as follows: the foot bridge (located on Wayne County Road right of way), landscape screening, drainage and flooding (photos were shown to the Board). Director Kelley stated there is a second retention pond planned and at the Planning Commission Meeting the Wal-Mart expansion item was tabled for numerous items including several items commented upon by the Quirk Sub resident. Director Kelley said a meeting took place today with Wal-Mart to work on these items. A letter to Wayne County regarding the foot bridge item has been sent, although from verbal discussion with Wayne County, the County will not issue a permit for this request. Further, an alternative entrance for a walking path is being explored by Director Kelley's staff. Trustee Jahr commented on the Planning Commission taking a close look at the Wal-Mart expansion particularly the issues from Quirk Subdivision residents. Treasurer Budd stated that as the Board representative to the Planning Commission the item was tabled so that these concerns could be addressed and the site plan revised to reflect changes as requested by the Planning Commission, residents of the subdivision and the needs of Wal-Mart. Director Kelley reviewed the reasons this item was tabled and stated this item will come back to Planning Commission. A resident stated he went out to the area where the foot bridge used to be and thought there is a simple fix to add a culvert and backfill and noted the need for additional screening. The resident was reminded that the area for this walkway is owned by Wayne County. Director Kelley stated staff is looking at a different walking access and Supervisor King stated the Planning Commission is asking Wal-Mart to work on additional screening.

A resident of Ecorse Service Drive is requesting the township send a letter to Wayne County to repave the Ecorse Service Drive.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

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THE SCENE

HANCOCK

Will Smith is perfect as imperfect superhero

Reviewed By
Lester L. Holmes, Jr.
Staff Writer



Score another *Independence Day* hit for Will Smith. In what seems to be a never-ending string of blockbuster movies around the 4th of July for the hip-hop artist turned "A list" actor, Smith turns in a great performance as a sometimes irreverent and often misunderstood superhero, Hancock.

The Peter Berg directed story starts to pick-up steam when Hancock, a man who can punch through walls and stop moving locomotives, is doing what he does best, drinking. Despite being impaired by a bottle of whiskey, Hancock comes to the aid of Ray Embrey (Jason Bateman) whose car is stuck in the path of a moving freight train. In the effort to save Ray's life, Hancock destroyed the train and several surrounding cars. When the crowd begins to chastise Hancock for the rescue, Ray, who is a public relations consultant, decides to begin a campaign to clean up the superhero's public image.

As Hancock becomes closer to Ray, his wife, Mary (Charlize Theron), becomes more suspicious of the their relationship and is worried that involvement with Hancock could lead to a discovery of a long-kept secret. Without giving away the details of the movie, let's just say that Hancock and Mary's knowledge of each other goes back a few years.

As part of his new image, Hancock agrees to serve a prison sentence due to the amount of property he has destroyed during his rescue attempts. When in prison, Hancock starts to open up about his past or what he can remember about it.

Hancock is released from jail as crime skyrockets throughout L.A during his absence. He thwarts a bank robbery and is viewed as a hero. However, several of the people he put in prison have other ideas.

The group of felons forms an alliance to destroy Hancock and the superhero is involved in a battle of wills to keep himself and others close to him alive.

While Smith gives a strong performance in the lead role, Bateman steals the show with his funny and quick-witted performance. Jae Head, who played Ray's son, Aaron, also gives a strong performance.

Overall this film may not be a classic, and some of the comedy was pure slapstick. But just like heroes in our own lives, you don't have to be perfect all the time to be perfect for us.

Prepare to fall in robot love with Wall-E

One of the most endearing and family-friendly movies of the summer, *Wall-E*, has wheeled its way into theaters.

The film stars Wall-E (voiced by Ben Burtt), a robot that looks old on the outside, but has a young imagination and spirit on the inside and is one of the most heartwarming, puppy dog eyed robots ever on screen.

Wall-E's (Waste Allocated Load Lifter-Earth) job is to clean up all of the trash left behind from people on earth, which is uninhabitable. Wall-E scoops up trash and turns it into a compact box, which he stacks into huge columns.

All of the humans from earth are in a celestial cruise ship because the earth is so polluted no one can live there anymore. The humans lie in chairs all day and never have to do anything for themselves. Everything is done electronically or with help from robots, which

causes obesity to be the norm for humans.

Most of the screen dialogue is from the ship inhabitants. Kathy Najimy and John Ratzenberger voice two passengers on the ship, and Jeff Garlin voices the oblivious captain.

Meanwhile, Wall-E just compacts trash all day, with company from his friend and only other thing on the planet - a cockroach. Wall-E also collects interesting-looking things that he finds amongst the garbage such as an Ipod, a lighter, and a Rubik's Cube, to help fight the boredom of his monotonous routine.

One day while Wall-E is out working, a very advanced robot, Eve (voiced by Elissa Knight), is sent to earth to look for any type of life form to save the planet. It's robot love at first sight. With Wall-E's help, Eve finds something that might save the planet, and is

rushed back to the spaceship to deliver the news. Wall-E follows her to space, because he doesn't want to lose his new friend, and soon finds himself on a great adventure.

The computer animation in this Disney and Pixar flick is incredible. Much of the film is essentially silent, with only a few bleeps and blips coming from Wall-E and Eve, but the robots are compelling. There is a lot of humor, shown through their actions and facial expressions. There are also of heart-tugging moments, mostly from Wall-E, which provides an "aww" factor for adults and children alike.

The cute robot story has some interesting messages; humans are polluting the earth and if you don't exercise, you'll be obese.

But audiences will most likely just walk out of the theater in love with *Wall-E*.



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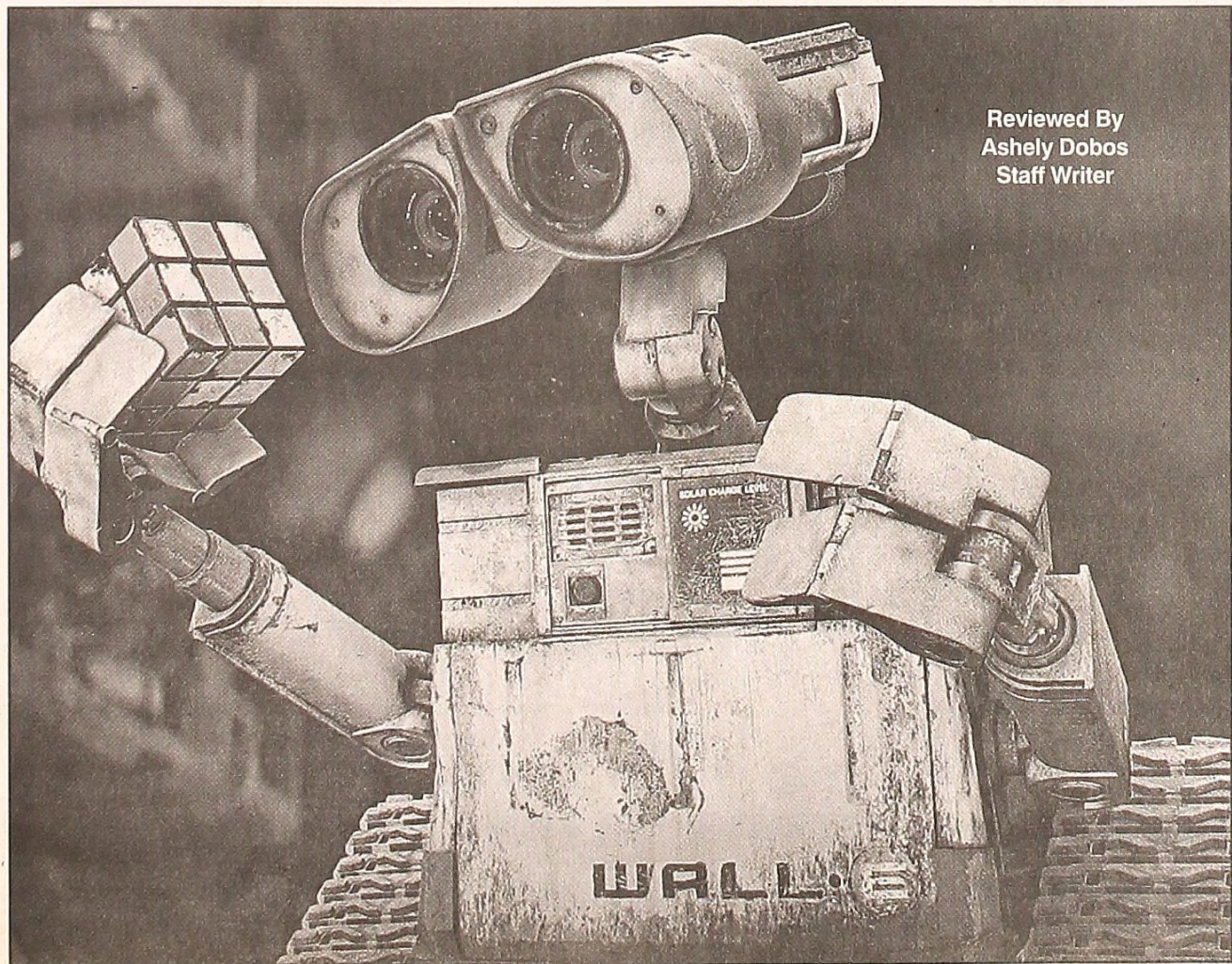
by Henry Spielman

I liked this movie a lot. It had a lot of robots in it and I like robots.

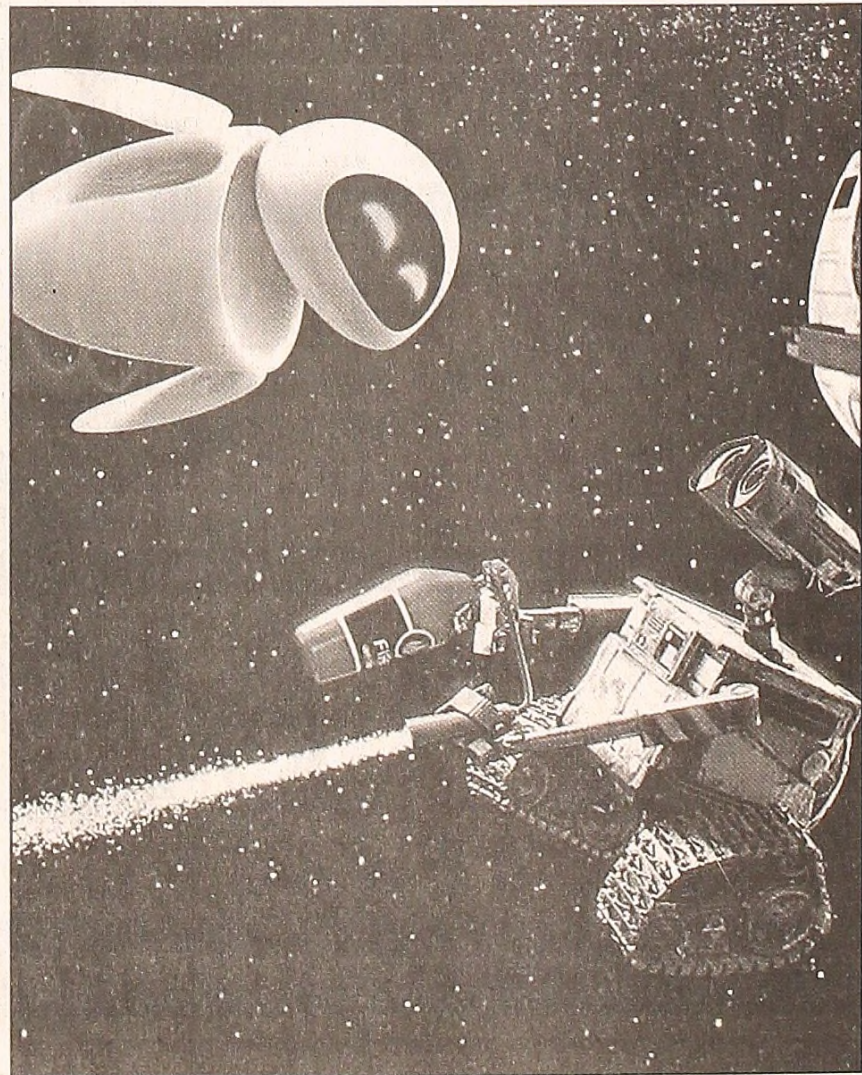
There wasn't a lot of talking, but you could still follow what was happening. It's about a boy and girl robot—the last robots on Earth—who try to save the world. I liked Eve because she looked like a rocketship and had a cool gun.

My favorite part was when they were in the garbage room with the other, huge Wall-E's.

The animation was good too. There were a lot of cool robots.



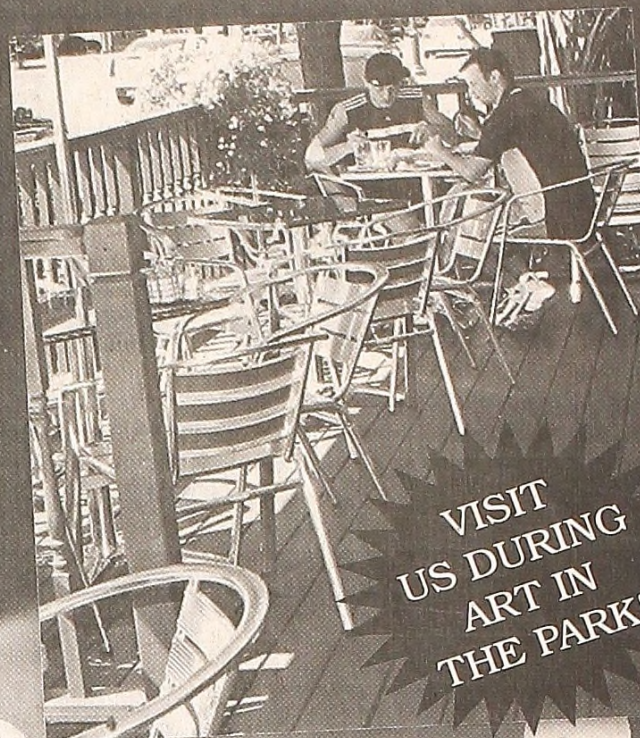
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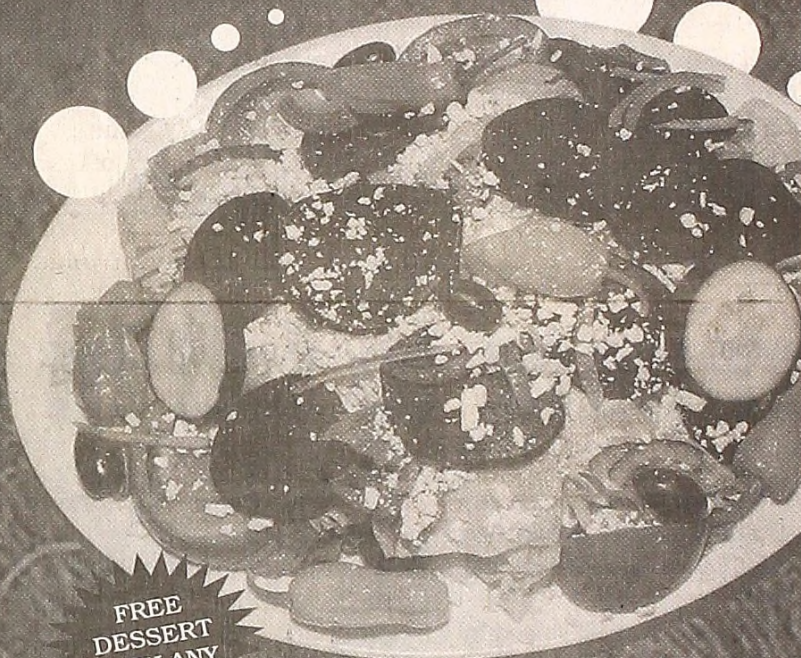
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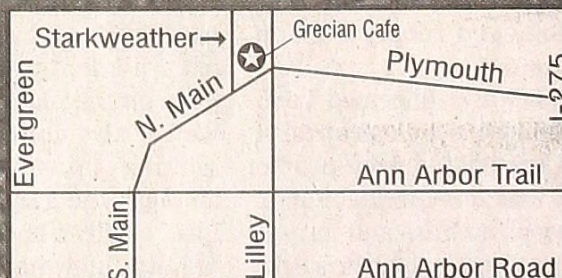


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SPORTS

John Glenn varsity soccer coach promises ‘surprising’ 2008 season

Scott Spielman
 Editor

The start of the school year may be months away, but several students from John Glenn High School reported for duty this week. They’re the members—and hopefuls—of the John Glenn Rockets varsity soccer team, and they’re hoping to make some noise in 2008.

“This year we’re going to surprise a lot of people,” said Head Coach Jimmy Mortada.

Mortada, who will be in his first full year as head coach of the squad, is in a position to do just that.

For years, Mortada was a continual scoring threat on a Lebanese national soccer team that earned two Lebanese Cup championships. He also played overseas on a series A league—the equivalent of professional soccer in the states—and helped his team to three championships there. He’s scored 14 goals in international play as a center or left-winger.

An injury to his ankle cut short his career, however.

“I kept trying and trying to make a comeback, but I decided it was time to start to coach,” Mortada said.

He’s been in the country for more than five years now, and during the day operates a salon on Elizabeth Street in Wayne, between the two sides of Michigan Avenue.

The beginning of July may be a bit early to start practicing for the season, but Mortada said he wanted the team in shape when it opens up near the end of August—and the head turning starts.

“I came for a visit and I stayed,” he said. “I liked it.”

He’s been around the soccer scene in western Wayne County virtually since he arrived, but in an unofficial capacity. He said he would always volunteer his time as a coach, starting in Livonia with the Livonia United and helping out in Wayne and Westland, too.

“I just go to the fields; it’s my life,” Mortada said. “It’s the only thing that keeps me happy. I’m not interested in anything else.”

“I always wanted to get involved with the schools,” he added.

He got his chance last year, helping out with a Rockets squad that turned a few heads. Even then, Mortada was planning for the future.

“Last year my plan was to not rely on my seniors,” he said. “I wanted to focus on my juniors.”

The team won six games last year but it was the nature of those victories that gave Mortada hope for this season. In the past, the Rockets would play stronger

squads and walk away on the losing side of a mercy game. Last year, even their losses were close—many of them were decided by a goal.

“We gave everyone a hard time,” he said. “Even the coaches admitted it.”

This year he said he plans to bank on scoring threats like Jacob Gates and Nelson Kenny, both of whom are ready for serious playing time. They’ll spend the majority of their time as mid-fielders or strikers.

“I have a lot of faith in them,” Mortada said. “Last year I worked with them a lot to read the field.”

The beginning of July may be a bit early to start practicing for the season, but Mortada said he wanted the team in shape when it opens up near the end of August—and the head turning starts.

“I can’t wait to get started,” he said.

“We’ve got a great team and they’re starting to believe in themselves.”



Jimmy Mortada, head coach of the John Glenn varsity soccer team, said the Rockets will be much improved this year.



A plaque on the wall of Mortada’s Wayne salon describes his many accomplishments as an international soccer star.



CATHY M. GARRETT

Office Of The Wayne County Clerk

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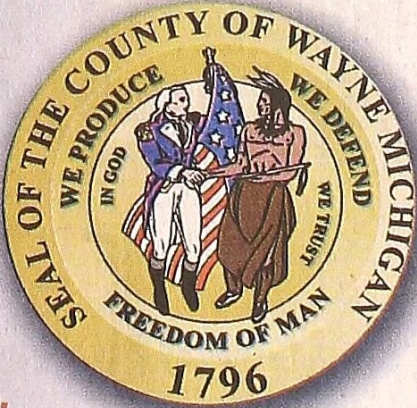
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PUBLIC-THIRD CIRCUIT COURT OPERATIONS

COUNTY CLERK COURT OPERATIONS ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

FRANK MURPHY HALL OF JUSTICE
 1441 ST. ANTOINE, RM. 901, DETROIT, MICHIGAN. PH.# (313) 224-2502.
 HOURS OF OPERATION:
 8:00 AM UNTIL 4:30 PM
 AVAILABLE SERVICES:
 COUNTY CLERK STAFF WILL PROCESS EMERGENCY FILINGS ONLY, SUCH AS CIVIL/FAMILY- CASE INITIATION, PLEADINGS

*PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDERS- (PPO's)/VICTIM ADVOCATE SERVICES WILL BE LOCATED IN ROOM G-6 OF THE FRANK MURPHY HALL OF JUSTICE

*HEARINGS- FELONY NON-SUPPORT AND PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDERS (PPO's) WILL BE HEARD AS SCHEDULED ON THE 5TH FLOOR OF THE FRANK MURPHY HALL OF JUSTICE.

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- BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS
- MARRIAGE CERTIFICATIONS
- REGULARLY SCHEDULED GUNBOARD HEARINGS ARE POSTPONED
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ALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 4th, IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.

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